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"Ring Around Elizabeth," 3 act play, to be presented Friday and Saturday

"Ring Around Elizabeth," the first public performance of the University Players this season, will be presented next Friday and Saturday at 8:15 in the university's Auditorium.

This three act comedy portrays a woman who is surrounded by a selfish family and, who after contracting amnesia, blots out 20 years of her life, thus making her a carefree young girl again.

Joan Sorenson and Robert Rispler will play the leading parts. Others in the cast are Jeanne Finch, Mary Paulsen, Dorothy Ogden, Marilee Steinman, Ruth Jackman, Marjory Mahoney, Dave

Elmore, Victor Ferris, Robert Riggs and Fred Freelin.

The production staff chairmen are: Kenneth Shupe, business; Margaret Markley, publicity; James Schultz and Marion Keller, properties; Ann Maher, costumes; Erma Grace Fuller, make-up; and Bettie Blissard, bookholder. Sherman Lower will be technical director.

People outside the university will pay 60 cents. Students with activity tickets will be admitted by payment of a 10 cent tax. Tickets will be available at the box office beginning Tuesday, April 9.



Students taking leading roles in "Ring Around Elizabeth" are pictured above.

Theme for Ma-ie Day selected; skit tryouts held today, tomorrow

"Life Goes to a Ma-ie Day Party" will be the theme of the 1946 Ma-ie Day program. Tryouts for the skit will be held today and tomorrow in the Auditorium from 4 to 6. There are openings for musical, instrumental and comedy numbers, dancing and choral singing. The skit has been written by Jean Finch, Pat Roessig, Jim McPherson and John Marshall.

Wilma Kruse is in charge of the intersority singing and Jean Finch, head of the Mai-ie Student Council Committee, will direct the afternoon play, assisted by Eileen Cobb and Pat Roessig. Other committee chairmen are: Robert Rispler, men's sports; Maxine Paulsen, women's sports; and Bobbie Allen, Ma-ie Day dance. Jean Holland is in charge of the coronation of the Ma-ie Day Princess.

The parade of floats is awaiting the decision of the Greek presidents and the city's permission.

Spring vacation is around the corner

That long awaited breather—spring vacation—is just around the corner. The holiday "D-day" is April 16, the "H-hour" is 9:30 p. m. After that it's away to the wide open spaces—that is, until April 22 when classes resume. And awaiting "rested" students after spring vacation will be third quarter exams, Ma-ie Day, Senior Class Day, final exams, ad infinitum.

But those "treats" are in the dim, dark future. The important thing is that spring vacation will soon be here. And remember—it's over April 22, when classes will be held as usual.

Attention Barbs!

Independents will meet Wednesday at 4 p. m. in Room 102. All members are urged to attend as this meeting will include nominations for next year's officers and Student Council members.

AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE BLAMED FOR FOREIGN POLICY BY BAXTER LECTURER

Dr. Allan Nevins heard at university last week

The American people have mainly themselves to blame for this country's defective foreign policy between the two world wars.

This is the way Dr. Allan Nevins, 1946 Baxter lecturer and professor of American history of Columbia University, sized up the situation when he discussed this nation's foreign policy Wednesday and Thursday evenings last week. He said that the immaturity of the American people in dealing with international affairs had changed by World War II to a fuller understanding of the world situation.

Taking an optimistic view of the Big Three powers, Dr. Nevins believes that "it is almost miraculous that peoples so sundered by centuries of history, by divergent cultural traditions, by contrasting economic and political patterns, by conflicting interests, should have

cooperated during the war as well as the Russian and English-speaking people did—and should enjoy so large a measure of cooperation today."

Wartime Objectives

The wartime objectives of the American people were to hold the united nations together in a firm alliance, to plan a peace with the defeated nations and to hammer out a better scheme of world organization than the old League of Nations, he explained.

"The United Nations Organization is primarily a monument to American effort," Dr. Nevins declared. "To Franklin D. Roosevelt and Cordell Hull the chief credit must go for accomplishing what Woodrow Wilson's gallant effort failed to do; the construction of an efficient world organization and the enlistment of American sentiment behind it," he continued.

"We envisage the United Nations Organization not as a body to confirm the power politics decisions of the Big Three, but as a body to scrutinize and limit them," he explained.

Dr. Nevins related how careful steps were taken at the Yalta, Teheran and Potsdam conferences to carry out war-time objectives, but these, he said, were marked by concessions to Stalin and Russia.

"Such grants of territory and of economic rights should not have been arranged in secret; they should have been consummated

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Board of Regents discuss university athletic program

University officials are leaving few stones unturned in their attempt to solve the burly problem of intercollegiate athletics at the university. Already regents and members of the administration have taken several steps to secure information and advice through questionnaires and conferences with men who have had much experience in this field.

Recently 700 veterans who are now attending the university were given a chance to express their opinions on the problem. Preliminary results from these questionnaires show that they favor a "strong" athletic program. Ninety-four had answered by April 2. Seventy-two of the 94 believed that the regents should spend as much as 5 per cent of the total budget on athletics, while 8 disagreed. The vote was close in answer to the question "Should athletics be subsidized?" The "yes" count was slightly stronger, 48-44.

Treat all alike

There was hearty agreement that athletics should meet the same academic requirements for eligibility as other students in other extracurricular competition. Only five of the total received wanted to lower the scholastic barriers for athletes.

The Board of Regents held a meeting behind closed doors last week to discuss the athletic future of the university.

Dean T. J. Thompson, University of Nebraska faculty representative in the Big Six Conference, and George Veenker, long-time director of athletics at Iowa State,

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Music students may apply for 2 awards

Candidates for the Emma S. Metz and the William H. Schmolzer Music Scholarships are asked by Prof. Martin W. Bush, head of the Music Department, to file a letter of application with him by April 12. Each of the awards are in the amount of \$125.

Outdoor ceremony to be feature of Senior Class Day May 22

An outdoor ceremony open to all university students and faculty members will be a feature of Senior Class Day, May 22 at 1:00 p. m. According to Maxine Sharpe, chairman of the Senior Class Day Committee, Donald Yung will read the traditional class history during the program, and Gregory Pegler will dedicate the tree to be planted on Arbor Day.

Seniors who will receive awards have not been named as yet. "Our plans for the program will be more definite before the end of the week," stated Miss Sharpe.

Today's college girl

The typical college woman, as envisioned in the public mind, is a sorority girl. She is a popular, pretty, alert, sexually attractive girl who decorates the football stadium, open cars, and ballrooms of America. Popular literature, the radio and the movies all sustain the sorority model.

But the writers are not entirely to blame, for the educational system itself has presented them with the model . . . Extracurricular activities often have been the most important educational factors experienced by students. Thus they tend to develop characteristics contrary to our expressed educational aims . . .

But during the depression, a new kind of student began to develop . . . This student was serious about college work, interested in social theory, determined to take advantage of the one opportunity open for economic advancement. During the past six years, new events have impressed themselves on our society. Relations between worker and employer, husband and wife, economics and politics, and government and in-

dustry have altered permanently.

Similarly, the character of the college woman has altered with the departure of college men and their slow return, college women found themselves dominating our campuses . . . And the young men were maturing with equal speed but in different ways, now that many of them are home, their attitude toward higher education is one of respect and earnest participation. Between them, our boys and girls are helping to change the character of higher education in this country.

In general these young people are searching for a set of values to believe in and to live by. And they are looking to their teachers for help in finding it. This fact reveals itself in two ways—in their desire to study philosophical subjects (and their concern for religious problems), and in their requests for help in choosing a career.

(Reprinted in part from *Pagant Magazine*. A talk by Harold Taylor, 31, one of the youngest college presidents in America.)

the totem poll

What's that—you say you know who writes this shrdlu???—better investigate again—someone may be putting somethin' over on ya! Things we like to see and hear:

BOBBIE ECKERT and her beautiful red hair; JIM McPHERSON, surrounded by admiring fans, pounding away on the pi-anol; SHERM LOWER giving forth with his really wonderful tenor; RIP reclining full length on the ping pong table, paddle in hand, playing a fierce game of pong—or—curled up in an easy chair in the caf snoozing peacefully; KIRKLAND and BORG—nuff said; JEANNE NELSON with BUD in that sm—oo—th convert; The THETA PLEDGES giving their actives a run for their money and roasting coke bottles at Brimes—What were those numbers LA-VERN???

At almost any time of the day or evening one can look in the Auditorium and see all kinds of people knocking themselves out. After watching LA VON HANSON, BOBBIE OLSON, and JACKIE McMAHILL struttin' their stuff we will be waiting impatiently for the Modern Dance program at Joslyn Memorial next month. Also we are counting the days 'til April 12 and 13 to see SORENSON, RISPLER, FINCH, ELMORE, STEINMAN and many others show us the latest in drama when they give out with "Ring Around Elizabeth."

We all enjoyed the Vice mucho, mucho—specially 'cause we could watch our own NORWOOD PRONSKE bouncing on the piano bench; the heat was just about too much for WARNOCK. Every time we saw him, he was hanging out a window! Some one ought to tell NORM, DOUG and WES that at Vices only the WOMEN are supposed to come stag!!!

The last word in excitement is no longer haunted houses but a haunted church complete with an organ, squeaking doors and creaking floors. For more complete information see BET HART or DON ROCK.

Some things we would like to

Language the easy way

New Haven, Conn. (ACP)—A professor at Yale University recently said that the "intensive" method of teaching languages used by the Army in instructing ASTP training is certain to "make itself felt in post-war language courses everywhere."

In his opinion, "If one learns to speak the language first, he can usually master the orthography in less than half the time it would otherwise take him."

The Army method of teaching is to use two instructors. One is a trained linguist who explains the language to students, gives them grammatical summaries, and answers questions. The other is a native speaker who spends 12 or more hours each week with groups of six or eight students.

know: Why can't ARTIE stay in one place for more than five minutes?? Why don't engaged women act engaged??? Why can't more people be as considerate as BERT? Why won't bridge fiends confine their fun to 102? Why are BETZ and JOAN so fond of walks and rides in the park??? Why don't more people support school functions??? Why don't we banish the system of examination???

That's all for this time, but we will see you all next week, same time same place. Till then—mucho amo!!

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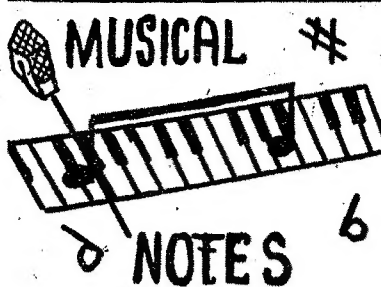
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By MARION KELLER

Sonny Dunham was in Omaha for the second time this year, but this time he played the Chermont. The band still has lots of power and swings well. Sonny plays terrific trumpet and trombone, and his tenor man does a fine job. The band has wonderful arrangements of standards such as "Embraceable You," "I Can't Give You Anything But Love," and "Body and Soul." Vocalists with the band are better than most, and on the whole, the orchestra is exceptionally fine.

The Hollywood Trio at the Dell may never set the world on fire, but they keep the patrons amused with their antics, and their version of "Down On the Farm." Their arrangements of "St. Louis Blues" and "Gee, Baby, Ain't I Good to You" are well done. The sax-man plays some fine tenor in spots, and the piano man is consistently good. The bass-man doubles on trombone, and plays both nicely.

Duke Ellington scored again with his recording of "Black, Brown, and Biege," a Victor Showpiece. There are four sides in the set, and although they don't quite measure up to some of the Duke's earlier recordings of these themes, they're worthwhile listening. Parts II and III are the most effective; "Come Sunday" has a beautiful sax passage, and "The Blues" features Joya Sherrill on the vocal. Speaking of the Duke, Barry Ulanov's biography of Ellington is a sympathetic picture of this musician; Ulanov is one of the editors of METRONOME.

Fluff and Stuff

C'est le printemps! Anyhow, it looks that way, empty class rooms, cussing profs, summer dresses, barefeet on the lawn, full enrollment in Elmwood—

Then there was the steak-fry at Elkhorn. All the old usuals plus a few more—McMahill and Bragg with a beautiful three-inch steak, which they flopped on the ground a few times—just for flavor. Also many couples being intellectual over a game of Old Maid.

Monday night was a Grimm one for the Theta's. Actives swearing, hunting, weeping, hunting for lost pledges, but all to no avail. So naturally the rose of the week should go to Brother Dymacek for a most efficient job of organization. Riffie, I know this hurts, but will you play the Whiffenpoof Song, while we call Bob up for the big presentation? We were going to pin it on your lapel, Bob, but it looks so much more effective behind your ear.

Here is a guy we think you all ought to know better—a very sharp tooter—Forest Hazard. We quote our little chum on one of his very artistic sentences regarding a very artful friend of his. "He was a very artistic fellow, who wrote arty articles on art." With this, our fiend Hazard

Student Council

By Edith Holmes

The constitution of the Distinguished Flying Crew, an organization recently formed and open to students who completed 10 missions in the Air Corps during the war, has been corrected and approved by the council and will be submitted to the Faculty Committee on Student Activities for final check.

Plans for the World Student Service Fund drive are under way. Representatives from organized groups, fraternities, sororities and independents, attended a planning meeting last Monday and agreed to assist the council and the Student Christian Association in the drive. Each member of each fraternity, sorority and the Independents will try to reach the \$1.50 goal, set by the planning committee. A convocation will be held this week with a choric speech presentation which will dramatize the terrible conditions under which students in ravaged Europe are existing.

The mayor has informed us that we may obtain a permit to have a parade on Ma-ie Day. In order that the University make a good showing, organizations should begin planning and building their floats immediately.

How about one or more of the following subjects for future Coffee Hours: What kind of vocational counselling is needed by college students? Can religion be of any use to college students in daily living? Should there be a larger number of required courses at the university, as the trend over the country seems to indicate?

leaped in the air, chinned himself on the chandeliers, and proclaimed his ardent dislike for journalists. C'est la guerre.

We also quote everybody's buddy, Bob Somers. "Stick with me and you'll pass government." With that he binds you with a big wad of bubble gum.

Mon Dieu! Another addition to the "steady list" is the Bob Eller—Dorajane Morgan combo. Come on, Bob, make with the cigars! More romance fastly becoming full bloom—Maher and Clure. All we got to say, is that it is the very best possible arrangement.

Now for a spring preview.
Best legs—Clifford Pinkerton.
Best shape—Alan Pascale.
Prettiest face—Dave Elmore.
Most handsome—Bobbie Olson.
Prettiest smile—Henry Strimple.
Meanest disposition—Lois Spellman.

Most popular—Bruce Chevalier.
Best all-around—Carl Brizzi.
Most terrific guy we ever knew—LaVerne Sweigard.

Best you all kept April 12-13 in mind. 'Tis the night of the University Players' presentation, "Ring Around Elizabeth." If you want dramatics to live at O. U., you'll come.

Crane gets invitation

Prof. Roderic B. Crane, head of the Department of Economics, has been invited to appear on a round table discussion, which will discuss national affairs at the annual meeting of the United States Chamber of Commerce at Atlantic City.

Badminton, tennis, golf contests begin

Singles tournaments in badminton, golf and tennis were scheduled to get under way Wednesday in intramural league play. A doubles tournament in each of those sports will be started as soon as the singles tournaments are completed.

In intramural ping-pong competition last week, Phi Sigs defeated the Veteran Flyers, 21-14, 21-18; Thetas nipped the Veteran Groundgridders, 21-19, 21-19; Alpha Sigs socked the Independents, 21-18, 21-15; Phi Sigs walloped Independents, 21-13, 21-14; Phi Sigs dropped the Groundgridders, 21-16, 21-17; and Alpha Sigs downed the Phi Sigs, 21-17, 21-18.

Coach Sed Hartman also announced that in the case of a representative failing to appear for the weekly intramural meeting in his office, two points will be deducted from that team's score.

Sectional track meet here May 4

Coach Sed Hartman will again direct the Nebraska High School Athletic Association sectional class A and D track meet to be held May 4 on the University of Omaha cinders.

"This year's track meet will be run in conjunction with a nationwide athletic program," stated Hartman, who has directed the meet since 1935.

Track preliminaries are to be run in the morning as follows: 120 yard high hurdles, 100 yard dash, 440 yard dash, 200 yard low hurdles and 220 yard dash. The finals in the afternoon will be run in the same order with the mile run, 880 yard run and the 880 yard relay added to the program.

Beauty queen is surprised at honor

By Robert Somers

Probably the most pleasant assignment of the week fell to this reporter, for it was his duty (my, what a word) to interview Miss Sara Jane Frohardt, 1946 Tomahawk Beauty Queen.

Over a cup of coffee and doughnuts she told him how it feels to be chosen a beauty queen by Phil Spitalny, leader of the famous All-Girl Orchestra.

"The whole affair took only about 10 minutes, or at least it seemed that way to me," said the number one girl. "I was just hoping it would hurry and end so that I could go home. First we lined up, then we walked by him. He couldn't make up his mind, so we had to walk by again. That was all there was to it. After that we stood and talked while he deliberated."

"Were you nervous?" I asked.

She took another bite of doughnut and thought a minute before answering.

"Yes, I guess I was, but not too nervous, for I really never expected to win. Mr. Spitalny seemed rather nervous about announcing the winners, and he said 'I hope zee other girls aren't mad wizz me.' When number four was declared winner, I still wasn't ex-

CAGERS AT O. U. RECEIVE LETTERS

Thirteen cagers were awarded varsity letters for the 1945-46 basketball season, it was announced today by Coach Harold Johnk.

They are: LaVerp Shires, Willis Brown, Bill Bruning, Dick Polenske, Bill Knuckles, John Duncan, Lou Clure, Russel Hecke, Mike Landman, Jack Peterson, Melvin Sherman, Roger Sorenson and Jack Roth.

Requirements are a minimum of 90 minutes and seven games.

Wolcott and Meier to attend health convention

Miss Enid Wolcott, director of the Women's Physical Education Department, will attend the National convention of the American Association of Health to be held April 9-13 at St. Louis, Mo. She will attend sessions of the division for college physical education instructors.

Mrs. Glee Meier, assistant physical education instructor, will attend the national dance section of the convention on April 9.

The theme of the convention is "Fitness for the American Way of Life." The program for the convention is featured in the March issue of Health and Physical Education.

South parking lot now ready for use

The south parking lot is now ready for use. The addition of this lot should make parking on Elmwood Drive unnecessary, says Building Superintendent Jack Adwers. However, there are still a few students violating parking rules, he stated.

"Parking on the drive between the bus turn and Elmwood Park is a hazard," stated Mr. Adwers. "Vision is obstructed and there would be less chance of a wreck if the drivers would park in the proper places."

School officials plan to have the gravel graded every two or three weeks to keep the parking area in good condition.

cited because I couldn't remember what my number was."

"What was your reaction when you found out that you were number four?" I persisted.

Miss Frohardt admitted that the decision made her happy, especially so since Sig Chi won the honor last year, too.

"Do you mean to say that your chief interest in winning was because of your sorority?" I asked, amazed.

"Of course," she replied, really a bit surprised at such a question.

When asked the reaction of her parents, Miss Frohardt responded with a "yes" and "no." "Mother told me not to be disappointed, so I didn't expect to win. But when I told her, she wasn't the least bit excited. As for dad—he practically stood on his head. He was more pleased than any of us."

What the returning GI is really looking for, we understand, is the House with Seven Grables.

129 Students given tuberculin tests

One hundred twenty-nine students were given the Mantoux tuberculin tests last week when the Nebraska Tuberculosis Association's testing unit arrived at Omaha University.

"Since the veterans had X-rays before they left the service, only a few took the tests here," stated

Mrs. Emily McKamy, student health nurse. "This accounts for the small number of students taking the tests."

Pre-med students assisted Dr. Maine C. Andersen, student health doctor, and Dr. George Clark, attending physician, in giving the tests this year.



Seated left to right, are Dr. Andersen, Mrs. McKamy, Jean Holland and Don Nielsen. Standing,

are Bob Mitchell, Mary Louise Ibsenthal and Lloyd Mattson.

EVENTS TO COME

Tuesday, April 9

Youth guidance banquet, Auditorium, 4 p. m.

Wednesday, April 10

Independents business meeting, Room 102, 4 p. m.

Pi Omega Pi alumni meeting, Room 102, 7:30 p. m.

Friday, April 12

Town and Gown Club, Clubroom, 6:30 p. m.

University Players present "Ring Around Elizabeth", Auditorium, 8 p. m.

Saturday, April 13

University Players present "Ring Around Elizabeth", Auditorium, 8 p. m.

Tuesday, April 16

Easter Convocation, Auditorium, 10 a. m.

Tool and Die alumni, Auditorium, 7:30 a. m.

Wednesday, April 17

Spring vacation.

Dance concert May 19

The Modern Dance class, under the direction of Mrs. Glee Meier, will give a concert May 19 at 7:30 p. m. at Joslyn Memorial. Betty Bertshofer will be piano accompanist, and Flora Sears Nelson will be the organist. The concert will be open to the public.

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The Gateway staff



This picture shows part of the Gateway staff. Left to right, seated, Elaine Bixton, Patricia McCormick, Alan Pascale, Joan Ful-

lerton, Roy Paulon, Mildred Beaty, Hollis Wilson and Colleen Lorenzen. Standing, left to right,

Kenneth Clinefelter, Robert Somers, Albert Wittmer, and Harold Abramson.

Students asked to donate \$500 to World Student Service Fund

A drive to raise \$500 for the World Student Service Fund will begin Monday, April 8, and continue until Friday under the sponsorship of the Student Council and the Student Christian Association. The purpose of the fund is to aid the rehabilitation of students in Europe and Asia.

A convocation is planned at which a speaker will explain the service fund. More exact information regarding the convocation will be announced later, according to Edith Holmes, Student Council president, who is in charge of the drive.

The drive will be on a competitive basis between the sororities, fraternities and Independents. Each organization will be asked to collect \$1.50 from each member. The percentage of members donating will be shown on a poster to be displayed on the first floor. Non-affiliated students will be contacted through personal solicitation.

Plans for the drive were made at a student committee meeting

Monday. At that meeting Betty Lou Horton, vice president of the Y. W. C. A. at the University of Nebraska, explained the drive. Miss Horton was in charge of Nebraska University's WSSF drive last year.

Members of the Omaha student committee are Betty Wilburn, Phyllis Lundquist, Jeanne Pollard, Bess Tesnohlidek, Beverly Drake, Charlotte Meyer, Audrey Hansen, Noreen McCammon, Betty Keating, Robert McEller, Don Nielsen, Paul Patterson and Pat Roessig.

During the week rations supplied to persons in war ravaged countries will be displayed near the cafeteria.

University gets house

Stephen Payne, son of Dr. Wilfred Payne of the Humanities, has presented the university library with his model Roman house, which has been on display the past two weeks outside the Registrar's office.

Osborne speaker at P.E.I. May 6-7

Dr. Ernest G. Osborne, professor of education at Columbia University, will be guest speaker at the third annual Parent Education Institute which will be held at Omaha University May 6 and 7.

The purpose of these programs, inaugurated in 1944, is to bring information and concrete help to parents in rearing children and maintaining a home.

Among the other speakers listed for the two-day program are Dr. Gertrude Chittenden, from the department of child development at Iowa State College, and the Rev. Chilton Powell, dean of Trinity Cathedral.

The Institute will also arrange other features of interest to parents. These will include book displays, exhibits and previews of new films.

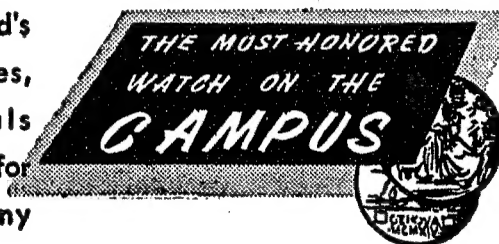
A panel discussion, sponsored by the Omaha Chapter of the American Childhood Development Association, led by Miss Elaine Tindell, president, will spotlight Monday afternoon's program.

Registration for this year's institute commences at 9 a. m. Monday, May 6. The institute is sponsored by the Omaha Council of Parent-Teacher Association, the Adult Homemaking Department of the Omaha Public Schools and the School of Adult Education of Omaha University.

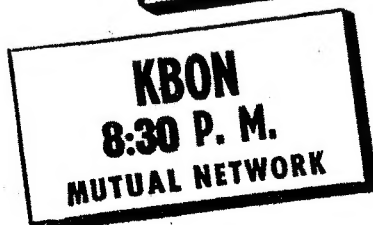
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Alumni conduct membership drive

The Alumni Membership Drive got under way April 1 under the direction of Herbert Story, chairman, and lifetime member of the organization.

Members of the drive committee are making personal calls on those who once belonged to the association. Alumni who live out of town are being contacted by mail. The committee hopes to close the drive by April 15, with a 100 per cent membership.

Posters showing sketches of the university tower and the motto "Alumni grow with U. of O." were made by the Art Department and are now on display at Nebraska Clothing, Brandeis, Metropolitan Utilities and Van Avery Sporting Goods stores.

Those who know most blow least.

'HAH-VAH-EE-EE WAHINES' SAY 'ALOHA' TO EX-GATEWAY EDITOR NOW SEABEE

By Homer Starr

Editor's note: This is the second of a series of "travelogue" articles by veterans who are students or alumni of the University of Omaha. Starr, class of '43, former Gateway editor, was stationed on Oahu for 17 months with a Seabee maintenance unit.

Problem: If a young farmhand from Pike county, Ark., with \$50 in his pocket, sits down to a game of poker with a fast-dealing slicker from Manhattan, how much money will the farmhand have at the end of the game?

To me, the foregoing parallels the sorry fate of the Hawaiians, who for some four centuries had a veritable garden of Eden all to themselves. Then, these people, still at the stone-age cultural level, came into contact with 19th century "civilizers" and soon found themselves dispossessed of everything except the wonderful climate of their islands.

Now the Hawaiians constitute only a small and diminishing proportion of the population of the territory, the name of which, by the way, should be pronounced "Hah-vah-ee-ee." Big business, which includes the vast sugar and pineapple plantations, is almost entirely owned and managed by white people, and many thousands of Orientals have immigrated and have been imported into the islands to occupy the lower strata of the economic scale there. The largest single racial group in Hawaii is the Japanese, which numbers nearly three times the combined total of Hawaiians and part-Hawaiians.

Active craters

The islands are of volcanic origin and a few of the craters are still active; all tourists hope they will have the luck to witness one of the occasional eruptions, which are said to be especially beautiful at night. The rocky valleys and mountains, watered by clouds furnished almost continuously by the northeast trade winds, are covered with trees and green plants throughout the year. Precipitation varies with locality; some mountain tops are kept wet by unrelenting mist, but Honolulu, the principal city, receives little more rainfall than Omaha. The climate, of course, is very mild; the Hawaiians had no word for "weather." Temperature varies from 60 to 90 degrees.

Faced with a housing shortage that caused real estate prices to rocket to fantastic figures, the islanders have been utilizing every imaginable type of dwelling-place, from a grass shack to a resplendent mansion surrounded by royal palm trees. Grievances that were held in restraint throughout the war came to the surface after V-J day; there have been a number of labor strikes and last November Honolulu experienced a brief series of large and small street fights between servicemen and natives.

The Hawaiians' traditional dances and chants ("hulas" and "meles") were originally religious ceremonies but now are used only as entertainment. The old polytheistic religion made itself felt chiefly through its many "kapu" or "taboo" rules, infraction of which was usually punishable by death. To many islanders today, some of the old gods, such as Pele, the volcano goddess, seem as "real" as the Christian deity,

although the New England missionaries succeeded in converting most of the natives to Christianity by 1830. They failed utterly to teach the Hawaiians to adapt themselves to western civilization.

Grass skirts

Grass skirts are an affectation of the 20th century tourist trade; the standard garb of the "wahines" (women) in pre-missionary days was the "pa-u," a paper-like cloth made from bark and which was wound several times about the waist, reaching about to the knees. Missionaries, and especially their wives, persuaded the native women to adopt the "Mother Hubbard" dress, which resembled nothing so much as a circus tent. This grotesque garment later gave way to the graceful "holoku," an Hawaiian version that is still popular for evening wear.

For the most part, mainland dress styles prevail in Hawaii, especially in the cities, but there are a number of local fads. The "aloha" shirt is favorite for men and boys; it is a loose fitting cotton or linen shirt, worn open at the neck, and printed with colorful Hawaiian designs. It is "tailless" and so not tucked inside the trousers. Some orientals cling to their old country's fashions; many Chinese women may be seen in Honolulu wearing the full-length kimono type dress and Japanese men often wear coolie type sandals.

Warrior chief

Historical hero of the Hawaiians was a fierce warrior-chief of the island of Hawaii who conquered first his own, then three other main islands and so united the islanders into one kingdom about 150 years ago. He was called "Kamehameha," meaning "the very lonely one," despite the fact that his "better half" consisted of no less than 21 plump wahines. "Kamehameha Day" is celebrated in the territory each June 11. The Kamehameha dynasty reigned until the islands were annexed by the U. S. in 1898. Last of these monarchs was Queen Liliuokalani, composer of the song, "Aloha Oe."

That brings us to the subject of today's Hawaiian lesson—the word "aloha." This versatile word can be used as a greeting of any kind; it is always appropriate and can signify "hello," "goodby," "regards," "love" or "affection," and is used in closing a friendly personal letter. Like certain liquid products that are sold in half-pint, pint and quart bottles, so this word is available to users in three degrees of intensity: "aloha," "aloha nui" and "aloha nui loa."

Another useful Hawaiian word is the one meaning "ended" or "complete," as in the sentence, "This story is pau."

Vets visitors in classes

Washington, D. C. (A. C. P.)—Veterans who came too late to register for the fall term have been offered a unique plan by George Washington University. Veterans were allowed to become regular "visitors" to classes without charge and without formal registration.

Athletic program

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who recently resigned, advised the regents in a meeting two weeks ago. Both have a national reputation for having a sane but ardent attitude toward intercollegiate athletics and were big factors in developing well-rounded programs at their respective schools.

After careful consideration, the regents decided that they should also talk to men from smaller schools, nearer the size of the University of Omaha. They wanted to find out what smaller schools were doing and what plans they had made, or what they had done previously. Although the meetings were held privately, it is known that there was a lengthy discussion on what type of fellow is needed for a director of athletics. However, no names were mentioned.

At present Sed Hartman, former director of athletics and coach in all sports who is now handling the intramurals athletic program, has been given the title of "athletic coach."

Harold Johnk, who had been in the Physical Education Department before entering the service, may be shifted to that department again. Mr. Johnk was the first University of Omaha coach to be discharged from the service, so he was given the job of tutoring the basketball team last fall.

Bob Matthews and Don Pflasterer, two outstanding athletes at the university a few years ago, have been mentioned frequently for minor posts. Mr. Matthews

was commissioned in the Navy immediately after his graduation; Mr. Pflasterer was assistant coach at Harlan, Ia., before entering the Army.

The board held a second meeting behind closed doors Friday evening to discuss these problems with three advisers: Dean R. W. Deal of Nebraska Wesleyan; E. H. Hayward of Peru State Teachers College, and C. H. Buck, of Doane College. All three men are faculty representatives in the newly formed Nebraska College Athletic Conference.

Although nothing is definite as yet, these meetings should help the Board of Regents in deciding what the future program of athletics at the university shall be.

Sigma Delta urges entries in contest

Sigma Tau Delta, honorary English fraternity, urges all students interested in writing to enter the fraternity's writing contest. Entries must be given to Miss Alabelle Hunter or Miss Edith Holmes before April 22.

At the March 29 meeting of the organization at the Blackstone, Dr. Ralph M. Wardle, associate professor of English at Omaha University, gave a review of "Invictus," a New Yorker short story, and William Saroyan's "The Daring Young Man on the Flying Trapeze." Jean MacGibbon read Ring Lardner's "The Haircut."

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Baxter lecture

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only in open peace assembly, under the eyes of the world and particularly of every nation concerned," the Baxter speaker pointed out.

Our mistake

Dr. Nevins rebuked the American people for refusing to maintain important economic controls of the war period, to keep our military forces at a proper level. "This eager rush to brush off restrictions and burdens is a discreditable page in our history," he added.

He hailed the triumvirate of leaders "who have appealed to the deeper principles of the English-speaking peoples of our time." Churchill's Seven Points given to the Italian people in August, 1944, Woodrow Wilson's Fourteen Points, Roosevelt's Four Freedoms and the Atlantic Charter, the speaker believes, "were hewn out of the same living faiths in democracy, self-government, individual liberty, free speech, free worship and free economic action."

Post-war policy

Reviewing American foreign policy after World War I, Dr. Nevins referred to the years 1933-39 as the "years of crisis, beginning with Franklin D. Roosevelt's and Adolf Hitler's simultaneous entry into power and ending with the outbreak of European War."

He pointed out three errors of the people after World War I:—misunderstanding of our position in history, misunderstanding the world situation, and misunderstanding the place of the United States in the present world. Out of these misunderstandings grew American failures in foreign policy, he asserted.

"We misunderstood the world situation for two reasons," he continued. "Americans failed to grasp the fact that the world crisis after the first World War would be a prolonged crisis."

Roosevelt administration

Sharing guilt with the people for bad foreign policy are Congress and the late President Roosevelt, Dr. Nevins asserted, naming the Neutrality Act as the cardinal error. The dictators were on the march shortly after 1933, he explained. "What was the evident duty of the administration? It was to warn the country, instantly and urgently, of these evidences of peril," he asserted. By the Neutrality Act, Congress showed the dictators that America would not interfere, and the White House concurred, he stated.

"It is at any rate clear that the Roosevelt Administration, with all its merits, is open to criticism for the cavalierly experimental and amateurish method by which it launched policies certain to have a heavy impact upon a world languishing in distress."

Aspects of Roosevelt's political policy which, according to the speaker, earn merit are the Latin America good neighbor policy, support of labor and welfare activities of the League of Nations, and financial aid to China, France and Britain, and Cordell Hull's program of reciprocal tariff reduction.

Mr. Roosevelt rose to the "grim-mest challenge of our history" during the years 1938-41, the speaker declared. "After the European war began, he acted with unflinching energy and foresight."

Rat dies on coed diet

Ames, Ia. (A. C. P.)—A typical college woman's diet was fed to a white rat. The result: one dead rat.

This experiment was performed by Nutritionist Mary Barrick, home economics graduate at Iowa State College. She fed the rat her version of a typical college woman's diet. The rat, together with his well-fed brother of the same age, was to be used in a hygiene class demonstration on dietary deficiencies.

But the ill-fed rat wasn't used in the demonstration. He died of malnutrition the day before the scheduled lecture.

He pushed our rearmament program with the rarest kind of vision. The reorganization of the cabinet to admit Stimson and Knox, the sending of 50 destroyers to Britain, the Atlantic Patrol, the Lend-Lease bill are part of a record which civilization can never forget."

Don't worry--Russians won't leave

Pleasant, soft speaking Allan Nevins told radio and newspaper reporters Wednesday morning at the Blackstone that Americans needn't feel too gloomy over present disturbances in the current UNO sessions. In the opinion of Dr. Nevins, who is professor of American History at Columbia University and 1946 Baxter Lecturer at the University, the Iranian problem is of minor consequence and will be settled without too much fuss and confusion.

"Russia," he said "will not back out of the Security Council because it cannot afford to. After some present misunderstandings are settled, our relations with the Soviet government will remain fundamentally cordial."

When reporters asked him if many newspapers today are over emphasizing the troubles and disagreements among nations, the Baxter Lecturer said he believed they were. He is of the opinion that the newspapers, radios,

schools and magazines should all help to point out how deeply involved this nation is in world problems.

The Columbia educator left Friday for Lawrence, Kans., where he will spend several days doing research before he returns east.

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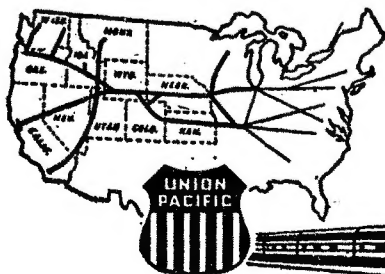


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